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KCK-SAGYZ PRODUCTION BOOSTED IN BELORUSSIA

SPECIAL MEASURES TO INCREASE KOK-SAGYZ PRODUCTION -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya,
No 150, 30 Jul 48

The Communist Party and the Soviet Government are making every effort to create their own sources of rubber. The basic rubber-bearing plant in the USSR is kok-sagyz. Up to 15 percent of rubber is found in the dried roots of the kok-sagyz plant.

The February 1948 Plenum of the Central Committee of the VCP (b) announced that the Soviet Union's stable sources of rubber should be set up in the shortest possible time, chiefly in Belorussia, the Ukraine, and certain other regions of the USSR.

Kok-sagyz was first introduced into Belorussia in 1934. The area sown to kok-sagyz must be increased many times in the near future. It is planned, under the conditions existing in Belorussia, to cultivate kok-sagyz in dried peat bogs.

the government of the USSR has allocated special stocks of fertilizer to be used for kok-sagyz in 1948. Measures have been taken to mechanize sowing, caring for the young crops, and harvesting. This year the MTSs will receive a considerable amount of such equipment for working the fields and bogs as bog plows, disk harrows, etc. The plan for MTS tractor work will hereafter be considered fulfilled only if the plan for the tractor cultivation of kok-sagyz is completed. The government also recommends extra wages for kok-sagyz growers.

Gathering of the kok-sagyz seeds has begun in Rudenskiy, Pukhovichiakiy, Rogachevskiy, Smolviskiy, and other regions. However, the seed-gathering is poorly organized, and ripe seeds are scattered by the wind. Seeds should be collected from all fruit-bearing plants. This should be done as soon as the kok-sagyz begins to bear fruit, and there should be at least three collections a day. Young plants should be given phosphorous and potassium fertilizers.

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Violations of the agricultural technology established for kok-sagyz cultivation will be punished.

KOK-SAGYZ KOLKHOZES RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 148, 27 Jul 48

Individuals working on the following kolkhozes of Belorussian SSR received medals for "Labor Valor" and "Labor Distinction" for expanding production and increasing yields of kok-sagyz in 1947: "13 Let Otkryabrya" Rogachevskiy Rayon, Gomel' Oblast; "Peramoga," Lyubanskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; "12 Kastrychnik," Vasilevichskiy Rayon, Poless'ye Oblast; "Shiyakh Il'ich," Starodorozhskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; "Zvezda," Domanovichskiy Rayon, Poless'ye Oblast; "Komsomolets," Lyubanskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; "Udarnik," Lyubanskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; "Progress," Lyubanskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; "Novyy Svet," Starodorozhskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; Kolkhoz imeni Lenin, Lyubanskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; Kolkhoz imeni Molotov, Vasilevichskiy Rayon, Poless'ye Oblast; Kolkhoz imeni Dmitrov, Rogachevskiy Rayon, Gomel' Oblast; "Chervonaya Zmena," Lyubanskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast; "Zolotaya Dubrova," Vasilevichskiy Rayon, Poless'ye Oblast; "Pyatiletka," Smolevichskiy Rayon, Minsk Oblast.

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